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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q77631

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Appln. No.: 10/670,473

Group Art Unit: 2874

Confirmation No.: 7410

Examiner: Jennifer Doan

Filed: September 26, 2003

For: LASER APPARATUS HAVING PROTECTION MEMBER AT LIGHT-EMISSION END
OF MULTIMODE OPTICAL FIBER

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed on October 19, 2004, for the above-identified application.

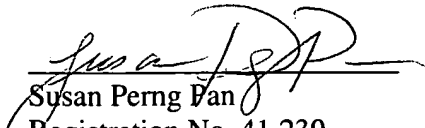
Applicant elects Species I, Figures 1-4, without traverse. Claims 1-2 and 6-7 are readable on the elected species. The Examiner deems claim 1 generic. Applicant submits claims 6-7 are also generic.

Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected Species II-IV.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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